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DOYLE ANNOUNCES GREEN SPACE PROJECTS

Second Round of Program Targets 336 Acres in 4 Towns for County Preservation Funding

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced 4 open space projects that he will recommend for approval as part of the second round of County Green Space funding. The County will provide \$395,000 in matching grants to protect environmentally sensitive and agricultural properties in Greece, Perinton, Penfield and Pittsford.

"I am very pleased to announce County support for these projects, which will preserve vital habitat areas and help protect farmland that is vulnerable to development" said Doyle. "Protecting our environment and family farms is part of the legacy that we leave our children."

Second round projects include 123 acres in the Braddock Bay/Salmon Creek area of Greece, 75 acres of Farmland in Pittsford, 134 acres of farmland in Penfield and 5 acres of vulnerable woodland in Perinton.

"This program is an example of what happens when local governments work together to meet a common goal -- protecting open space," said Doyle. "The Greenspace Initiative is a bottom-up effort that encourages people at the local level to get involved in protecting the open space resources in their community."

Doyle launched the Greenspace Initiative in September 2001, using \$2 million set aside for open space preservation under the County's Tobacco Securitization plan. The program provides matching grants to towns and land trusts for open space. The first round of the Green Space Initiative targeted \$1.5 million to protect nearly 1000 acres in Brighton, Greece, Henrietta, Irondequoit, Mendon, Parma, Penfield, Pittsford and Webster. Any remaining funds following the first two rounds of the program will go towards additional open space preservation.

The second round projects will be considered by the County Legislature at their Intergovernmental Relations and Ways and Means Committee meetings later today.

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